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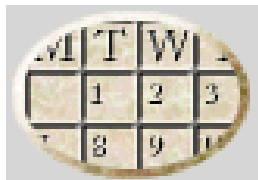
# Wastewater News

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## Upcoming Meetings, Conferences and Training

### **Meetings, Conferences and Training by the Date**

Dates	Activity	Location	Contact
11/9-10/98	Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) meeting to discuss infrastructure financing.	Seattle, WA	Kristin Kenausis (202) 260-2036
11/11-11/12	State/EPA SRF Work Group Meeting November 11-12, 1998 Seattle, Washington	Seattle, WA	Kristin Kenausis (202) 260-2036
11/12-13/98	AMSA/AMWA Legal Affairs Seminar	San Diego, CA	Mike Cook (202) 260-5850
11/14-15/98	Whole Effluent Toxicity Training	Charlotte, NC	Laura Phillips (202) 260-9522
11/16-20/98	NPDES Permit Writer's Course	New Orleans, LA	Dan Weese (202) 260-6809
11/18/98	Virginia Water Environment Association Annual Education Seminar	Richmond, VA	Mike Cook (202) 260-5850
11/19/98	SRF Funding Framework Workshop	EPA Region I	Ralph Caruso (617) 565-3617

## **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING CENTER FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES**

**National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities (NETCSC) Plans Course Offerings in Seven States through June 1999.** NETCSC will cosponsor four NETCSC courses for a total of seven presentations from October 31, 1998, through June 1999. The West Virginia Association of Solid Waste Authorities and NETCSC will cosponsor **Managing Groups and Conflict** on October 31, 1998, in Flatwoods, WVA. **Troubleshooting and Optimizing Wastewater Treatment** will be offered in June 1999 in New York and Rhode Island; and **Assessing Wastewater Options for Small Communities** will be cosponsored by St. Louis University for delivery in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa in the spring of 1999. Specific locations and dates for the latter six offerings have yet to be determined. NETCSC's work plan calls for a total of 12 course offerings during FY 1999. For more information contact Betty B. Ford 202-260-8510.

### OTHER NEWS...

#### **Municipal Technology Branch Technical Fact Sheets on Year 2000 for Wastewater Plants**

The Municipal Technology Branch (MTB), in cooperation with the Office of Water (OW) and the Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, is developing fact sheets and other technical information to assist municipalities in meeting Y2K compliance. This technical information will also be provided to users by regions, states and tribes. Trade and professional associations are working with MTB to get the word out, and disseminate the technical information. For further information see the agency home page for Y2K: <http://www.epa.gov/year2000> and the OW Action Plan for Y2K listed under it. For more information, contact James Wheeler on (202) 260-5827 or Barry Benroth on (202) 260-2205.

#### **U. S.-Mexico Tribal Border Infrastructure Program**

On October 19, 1998, a report was issued by staff in the Municipal Support Division, OWM on the status of implementation of the U.S.-Mexico Tribal Border Infrastructure Program by Region 9. Funding for the program was made available via the Agency's 1996 and subsequent Appropriations bill. It provided for the construction of high priority water and wastewater facilities for Indian tribes within 100 km (approximately 62 miles) of the U.S.-Mexico Border. To date, 19 grant awards have been made, totaling over \$9.4 million in funding. This funding will benefit 6 drinking water systems and 8 wastewater systems. Over 1,500 tribal homes will be served by these systems. Region 9 expects to award another \$12.6 million in funding around the summer of 1999. For more information, contact Sylvia Bell at (202) 260-7255.

#### **Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Coordinator's Handbook**

The Municipal Support Division, OWM recently distributed a comprehensive Handbook to assist the Regional Indian Set-Aside Grant Program Coordinators in the management of the wastewater treatment program for tribes. The Handbook contains information in areas such as: legislative and statutory authority for the program, policy memos and guidance documents, priority lists, program contacts, and other funding sources. The Appendix to the Handbook contains examples of documents or management tools used by the Regional Coordinators in the administration of their individual programs. For more information, contact Sylvia Bell at (202) 260-7255.

#### **CWA 104(g) Operator Assistance and Training Activities**

Information about the wastewater treatment plant on-site assistance training program [104(g)] was posted on the Office of Wastewater Management's Internet home-page, under the small-communities icon on October 9, 1998, some improvements and updates still need to be made to the page. For more information, contact Curt Baranowski on (202) 260-5806.

#### **Maryland Center for Environmental Training**

Gary Hudiburgh, Jim Kern (Region III-104(g) coordinator), and Curt Baranowski met with representatives from the Maryland Center for Environmental Training (AMCET®) on October 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the 104(g) training center survey that MCET will be conducting for the Agency. MCET plans on having a draft of the survey finished on or before December 31, 1998 and is estimating that this project shall be completed by September 30, 1999. For more information, contact Curt Baranowski on (202) 260-5806.